various recommendations contained in the report of the Arrears' Committee (Malimath Committee) which went into the problem of arrears in the High Courts, have been forwarded to all concerned such as State Governments, Central Ministries and all the High Courts.

Boarding and lodging expenses for senior managerial employees of companies

925. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) -whether it is a fact that under Rule 6D(2) of the Income-tax Rules, only Rs. 200/- is allowable towards Hotel Expenses per day to the highest paid employees of a company in places : such as Bombay. Delhi and Calcutta while travelling outside headquarters;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that the said amount is found insufficient towards reasonable lodging and boarding expenses: and

(c) whether Government propose to revise the ceiling fixed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The object of prescribing monetary ceilings under Rule 6D of the Income-tax Rules. 1962 is to discourage ostentatious and excessive business expenditure. Therefore, these ceilings are not always related to the expenses which a person may choose to incur. Such monetary ceilings are. however, reviewed as and when considered necessary.

Setting up of new steel plants

926. SHRI KAPIL VERM A: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for setting up new steel plants; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what was the total quantity of iron ore produced in the country during the last three years, year-wise and the quantity used 'for steel making?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BASAVARAI PATIL): (a) Proposals for setting up Steel Plants at Vija-yanagar in Karnataka and Daitari in Orissa have been under consideration of the Government. Final decision on implementation of these projects would depend upon the availability of funds in the VIII p]an period.

(b) The quantity of iron ore produced and quantity consumed in the country during 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90 and April to August 1990 in iron and steel making is given below: —

(Quantity in million tonnes)

Year	Production	Domestic Consumption
1987-88 •	49 0	19-0
1988-89..	48-9	19 4
1989-90..	49-5	20 7
1990-91 (April-August)	18-9	8. 02

Loss suffered by SAIL due to poor perfor. manic of handling agents at Delhi and Kanpur

927. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHlN:
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Au thority of India Ltd. are incurring losses due to the poor performance of the pre sent handling agents at Delhi and Kan pur;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken to appoint new handling agents at these places, and

(c) what is the estimated loss incurred by SAIL during the last six months at Kanpur and Delhi due to poor performance of the handling agents?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL ANDi MINES (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) Steel Authority of India Ltd., has not suffered any financial loss at Kanpur/! Delhi Stockyard due to poor performance of the present handling contractors.

(h) and (c) Do not arise.

लाइसेंस-शुदा औद्योगिक घरानों द्वारा निर्यात

928. **श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन औद्योगिक घरानों ने, जिन्हें सरकार ने इस शर्त पर आयात लाइसेंस दिये थे कि वे अपने उत्पादन का एक भाग निर्यात करेंगे, पिछले दो वर्षों और चालू वर्ष के दौरान उस निर्दिष्ट शर्त को पूरा किया है ;

(ख) पिछले पांच वर्षों में उपर्युक्त घरानों में से प्रत्येक को कितनी-कितनी धनराशि की आयात सुविधा प्रदान की गई थी तथा उनके द्वारा निर्यात किए गए माल और उसके मूल्य का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उन घरानों के, जिन्होंने निर्धारित शर्त को पूरा नहीं किया है, आयात लाइसेंस/परमिट रद्द कर दिये हैं, यदि हां, तो उन औद्योगिक घरानों के नाम क्या हैं और उनके लाइसेंस/परमिट को कब रद्द किया गया था तथा यदि ऐसे घरानों के विरुद्ध ऐसी कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शांतिलाल पुरुषोत्तमदास पटेल) : (क) से (ग) अपेक्षित जानकारी क्षेत्रीय लाइसेंसिंग प्राधिकारियों से एकत्र की जा रही है और प्राप्त होने पर उसे सभा पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा ।

Revenue Secretary's comments on the functioning of tax departments

929. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABH-SHANKER BHATT: Will tie Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri R. L. Mishra, Revenue Secretary, while addressing the All India Convention of the Indian Revenue Service Association at New Delhi on 16-7-90 commented that the tax department was a non-Plan head, and that there was always a gap between the department's needs and the real allocation for the department by Govern-_ ment and also under lined the need to evolve an Action Plan for the welfare of tax officials; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVI-JAY SINGH): (a) and (b) It is a fact that Shri R. L. Mishra, formerly Secretary (Revenue) had addressed the All India Convention of the Indian Revenue Service Association at New Delhi on 16-7-90. No official record of thi$_s$ con-, vention has been kept as it was not an official function.

Objectives of Rasbtriya Grantin Vikas Nigam

930. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be plea sed to state:

(a) what are the objectives, functions, financial|promotionai services, etc, of Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nigam Promoted by IFCI;

(b) what forms of financial assistance are being offered by the institution cate gory-wise; and